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Committee Bill No. 5087

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Referred to Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding

Introduced by:
(FIN)

AN ACT CONCERNING FISCAL NOTES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 2-24a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

3 (a) No bill without a fiscal note appended thereto which, if passed,
4 would require the expenditure of state or municipal funds or affect
5 state or municipal revenue in the current fiscal year or any of the next
6 ensuing five fiscal years shall be acted upon by either house of the
7 General Assembly unless said requirement of a fiscal note is dispensed
8 with by a vote of at least two-thirds of such house. Such fiscal note
9 shall clearly identify the cost and revenue impact to the state and
10 municipalities and, where applicable, the number of public sector jobs
11 created in the current fiscal year and in each of the next ensuing five
12 fiscal years.

13 (b) Not later than twenty-four hours prior to a meeting at which a
14 joint standing committee of the General Assembly is taking final action
15 upon a bill, a fiscal note for any bill which may require the expenditure
16 of state or municipal funds or affect state or municipal revenue in the

17 current fiscal year or any of the next ensuing five fiscal years, shall be
18 made available to members of such committee. Said requirement of a
19 fiscal note may be dispensed with (1) for any bill for which substitute
20 language is proposed, or (2) upon a vote of a majority of committee
21 members present at such meeting.

22 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 2-71c of the general statutes is
23 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
24 *October 1, 2010*):

25 (c) The legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis shall assist the General
26 Assembly and the Legislative Department, legislative commissions
27 and legislative committees in a research and advisory capacity as
28 follows: (1) Reviewing department and program operating budget
29 requests; (2) analyzing and helping to establish priorities with regard
30 to capital programs; (3) checking executive revenue estimates for
31 accuracy; (4) recommending potential untapped sources of revenue; (5)
32 assisting in legislative hearings and helping to schedule and prepare
33 the agenda of such hearings; (6) assisting in the development of means
34 by which budgeted programs can be periodically reviewed; (7)
35 preparing short analyses of the costs and long-range projections of
36 executive programs and proposed agency regulations; (8) keeping
37 track of federal aid programs to make sure that Connecticut is taking
38 full advantage of opportunities for assistance; (9) reviewing, on a
39 continuous basis, departmental budgets and programs; (10) analyzing
40 and preparing critiques of the Governor's proposed budget; (11)
41 studying, in depth, selected executive programs during the interim;
42 (12) performing such other services in the field of finance as may be
43 requested by the Joint Committee on Legislative Management; (13)
44 preparing the fiscal notes, required under section 2-24, upon [favorably
45 reported] bills having final action taken by a joint standing committee
46 of the General Assembly which require expenditure of state or
47 municipal funds or affect state or municipal revenue, including all
48 such favorably reported bills; (14) preparing at the end of each fiscal
49 year a compilation of all fiscal notes on legislation and agency

50 regulations taking effect in the next fiscal year, including the total
 51 costs, savings and revenue effects estimated in such notes; and (15)
 52 every second and fourth year after the effective date of each enacted
 53 bill, review the fiscal note of such bill to compare it to the fiscal note
 54 prepared at the time such bill was enacted. The governing body of any
 55 municipality, if requested, shall provide the Office of Fiscal Analysis,
 56 within two working days, with any information that may be necessary
 57 for analysis in preparation of such fiscal notes. Each officer, board,
 58 commission or department of the state government shall assist the
 59 Office of Fiscal Analysis in carrying out its duties and, if requested,
 60 shall make its records and accounts available to the office in a timely
 61 manner, except that where there are statutory requirements of
 62 confidentiality with regard to such records and accounts, the identity
 63 of any person to whom such records or accounts relate shall not be
 64 disclosed.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2010	2-24a
Sec. 2	October 1, 2010	2-71c(c)

Statement of Purpose:

To require fiscal notes to include information on the number of public sector jobs created by a bill, and to be prepared prior to a committee's favorable vote upon a bill.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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